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Despite [redacted] 50X1  
denials to the contrary, [redacted] the complete Soviet domination  
of Sinkiang. [redacted] the Soviets 50X1  
began to gain control of Sinkiang, i.e. the military forces which they  
sent in 1933 to help defeat the Moslem leader, General Ma Chung-yin, but 50X1  
also the steps that followed, which finally gave the Soviets complete  
control over not only all the resources, but also the people and every 50X1  
aspect of life in Sinkiang. These steps were, namely, the influx of great  
numbers of Soviet military, political and economic advisors and technicians,  
followed by equal numbers of GPU agents. Governor Sheng, not without great  
personal financial gain, and his officials took on the role of puppets.  
A Soviet advisor was assigned to every important post in the province.  
These advisors, however, did not advise, but ordered their Chinese, or  
Moslem, counterparts to do their bidding.

2. The man who was the real power in Sinkiang during this period was not  
Sheng, but the Soviet Consul General Malikov. He was of Russian Tatar 50X1  
extraction and his real name was Avdey Malik, Malikov being a Russianized  
version of his name. Sheng also commissioned him a Lieutenant General in  
the Sinkiang Provincial Army.

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